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House Resolution No. 1457

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their societal contributions; and

Whereas, Dr. Linda Godwin of Houston, Texas, has attained considerable distinction as a member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) which she has served as a flight controller and payloads officer in Mission Control; an astronaut who has logged more than 915 hours in space, participated in space walks with the MIR and International Space Station, and published research in several journals; and the Assistant to the Director for Exploration, Flight Crew Operations Directorate, Johnson Space Center; and

Whereas, on April 16, 2005, Dr. Linda Godwin will be the recipient of a 2005 Women's Impact Award from the Girl Scouts of Otahki Council at its annual Women's Impact Awards Breakfast which will be held at Southeast Missouri State University's Robert A. Dempster Hall; and

Whereas, Dr. Linda Godwin has been selected for this prestigious recognition in light of her diverse activities with the American Physical Society, Ninety-Nines, Incorporated, Association of Space Explorers, and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; and

Whereas, a native of Oak Ridge, Missouri, Dr. Linda Godwin graduated from Jackson High School, Southeast Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Linda Godwin holds a NASA Outstanding Performance Rating, Sustained Superior Performance Award, Outstanding Leadership Award, and an instrument rating as a private pilot; and

Whereas, Dr. Linda Godwin is justifiably proud to be known as a beloved wife and loving mother:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar contributions so generously made on behalf of women and girls in society by Dr. Linda Godwin and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon her receipt of a well-deserved 2005 Women's Impact Award from the Girl Scouts of Otahki Council in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Linda Godwin.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1457, adopted March 29, 2005.